



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, we honor the thousands of men and women who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War, also known as the Second Indochina War, was a conflict in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia that began on November 1, 1955 and ended with the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, with U.S. involvement ending in 1973; and

WHEREAS, all residents of New Jersey should recognize the honorable service of the 119,910 men and women from New Jersey who served in the Southeast Asiatic Theater of Operation and memorialize the 1,556 New Jerseyans who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam conflict; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Captain Eleanor Grace Alexander of River Vale, who joined the Army Nurse Corps in May 1967, was the only woman from New Jersey killed in action and today is one of eight women listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, when these heroic soldiers, marines, sailors, airmen and coast guard members returned home from Vietnam to a polarized and divided society, all New Jerseyans should be united in bestowing the respect and honor these servicemembers deserve; and

WHEREAS, we must remain vigilant to assist those Vietnam veterans who need medical treatment, not only for their physical wounds but also the unspoken effects suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, specific mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will partner with all citizens of this great State and Nation to remember and honor our Vietnam Veterans, as well as their families for their courage, sacrifice and resolve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MARCH 29, 2019

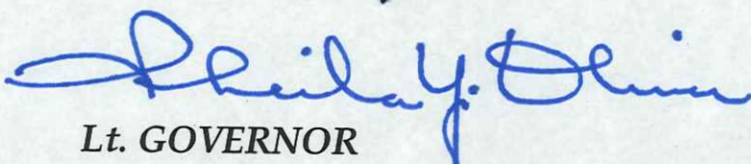
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VIETNAM WAR VETERANS' DAY

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fifth day of March in the year two thousand nineteen, the two hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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